



H.Con.Res. 230 – Supporting the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 230 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced on October 10, 2007 by Representative Ginny Brown-Waite (R-FL). The legislation has not been considered by any Committee in the 110th Congress.

H.Con.Res. 230 is expected to be considered on the floor on October 29, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 230 resolves that Congress:

- Supports the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in order to provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of monthly breast self-examinations and annual mammograms;
- Salutes the more than 2.4 million breast cancer survivors in the United States and the efforts of victims, volunteers, and professionals who combat breast cancer each day;
- Recognizes and applauds the national and community organizations for their work in promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, and offering treatment to its sufferers; and
- Urges organizations and health practitioners to use this opportunity to promote awareness about breast cancer, to support monthly self-examinations, and to encourage annual mammograms.

BACKGROUND

According to the National Cancer Institute, “breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related death in women.” The National Cancer Institute estimates that more than 179,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2007. The first National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was October 1985.

This resolution is especially meaningful to the House Republican Conference with the loss of our friend Representative Jo Ann Davis (R-VA). At the time this resolution was introduced we honored Representative Davis for her amazing 2 year battle against the disease. She lost the battle on October 6, 2007.

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